

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 2711
(To be answered on the 27th December 2018)**

CONSTRUCTION OF AIRPORT

2711. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:-

- (a): the details of new airports that have been made functional during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b): the number of passengers served by these airports since their opening;
- (c): whether the Government has taken any steps for construction of an airport at Deoghar in Jharkhand; and
- (d): if so, the details thereof and the time by which this airport is likely to become operational for passengers?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

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- (a): Durgapur Airport (May, 2015) in West Bengal, Shirdi Airport (October, 2017) in Maharashtra, Pakyong Airport (October, 2018) in Sikkim and Kannur Airport (December, 2018) in Kerala are the new airports that were operationalize during the last three years.
- (b): Details of passengers handled since coming into operations are: Shirdi Airport-One lakh passengers, Pakyong Airport- 2771 passengers, Kannur Airport- 14042 passengers and Durgapur Airport- 50403 passengers .
- (c) & (d): Yes Madam. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up the work of 'Development of Deoghar Airport', for joint use for Civil Operations upto AB-320 category of aircraft and DRDO operations upto C-130 type of aircraft. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Development of existing airport at Deoghar belonging to Govt. of Jharkhand was signed between AAI, DRDO & Govt. of Jharkhand on 25.03.2017. The foundation stone of the project has already been laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 25.05.2018. The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the individual developer, which involve a lengthy and time consuming process.